[*Translation*]

Fire in Jhuggi Cluster at Govindpuri, Delhi

2585. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received the report of experts of Central Forensic Science Laboratory who were deputed to enquire into the causes of fire incident occurred in Govindpuri Jhuggi Colony, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Two LPG gas cylinders, one intact and one damaged having a small tear-cut on its upper side portion which were referred by the Delhi Police to the Central Forensic Science Laboratorry (CFSL) in this case, were examined by the Ballistic Division and the Physics Division of the CFSL. According to the Ballistic Division, the small tear-cut on the upper portion of the damaged ylinder could have been caused due to over-heating of the cylinder. According to the Physics Division, laboratory examination of one of the cylinders revealed the leakage of gas through its valve. No scientific examination could be carried out to detect the leakage in the other cylinder as the same was in damaged/ burst condition.

NCDC Assistance to Agricultural Projects in Bihar

2586. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States were projects relating to setting up of cold storages, vegetable and fruits processing units and Warehouses are implemented by National Cooperative Development Corporation with the World Bank assistance; and

(b) the funds earmarked to Bihar by NCDC for the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Presently no projects of cold storage and Fruit and Vegetable Processing are being implemented with World Bank assistance. However, under World Bank assisted NCDC-III Project, godowns are being constructed in cooperative sector in the States of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab and Tamil Nadu.

(b) The Corporation has earmarked a tentative allocation of Rs. 8.21 crores for assistance to the State of Bihar under various Schemes for the year 1991-92, since proposals are considered only on the recommendation of the State Government.

[*English*]

Utilisation of Gas in Tripura

2587. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to utilise the entire Gas available in Tripura;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Estimated availability of gas has been fully committed to downstream users.

(c) Does not arise.

Financial Assistance for Development of Ambedkar Villages in Karnataka

2588. SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have provided any financial assistance to various States and particularly to Karnataka for the development of Ambedkar villages;

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have issued any directions to the States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). Financial assistance was released during 1990-91 to 3 States namely Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for taking up special projects in connection with the Centenary Celebrations of Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, based on their demands. The details are as follows:-

Name of State	*Amount sanctioned*	*Purpose for which sanctioned*
1. Kerala	Rs. 81.00 lakhs	Integrted development of rural habitats of Scheduled Castes into model settlements known as Ambedkar Gramams.
2. Tamil Nadu	Rs. 50.00 lakhs	Financial help for leather procurement centres and training centres for Adi Dravidar engaged in leather goods and manufacturing and financial help for the projects of stone crushers, pump sets, lorries, etc. for the cooperative Societies etc. for Stone crushing.
3. Karnataka	Rs. 50.00 lakhs	Rehabilitation of Devadasis, skill development for SCs and economic programmes for rural mothers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Potato Production

2589. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: